

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1024**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2580**

**By Burks, Harper, Lowe Finney, Ford**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2465**

**By Sherry Jones, Lynn, Hood, Maggart, Mr. Speaker Naifeh,  
Hardaway, Todd, Ferguson, Hensley, Moore, Harry Brooks, Sontany,  
Eldridge, McManus, Pitts, Bass, Coleman, Matheny, Bibb, McDonald,  
Lollar, Bone, Shaw, Ulysses Jones, Armstrong, Briley, Rinks,  
Harmon, Dean, Fraley, Pruitt, Miller, Lois DeBerry, Curt Cobb, Windle,  
Hackworth, Sargent**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, relative to child abuse and neglect.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-15-401, is amended by adding the following new subsection (f):

(f)(1) For purposes of this section, "adversely affect the child's health and welfare" may include, but not be limited to, the natural effects of starvation or dehydration.

SECTION 2. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Josh Osborne Law".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 7, 2008**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of May 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR